

## Newsletter – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010

### What's Hot...

- Deanwell School Student Council. We have many wonderful applicants, and we have ended up with a strong Council.
- Road Sense with Constable Tracey!! Our children are being taught skills and attitudes to keep them safe and fit!

### What's Not...

- Some very capable children who stood for the Student Council missed out. Regrettably, that is how a democracy works!
- Some children still have no books to work in. This does impact on their learning. Please arrange for stationery as soon as possible.

### Education Review Office

When the Education Review Office visited our school in 2009, they reported the following:

*"A strong and positive partnership has been established between the school, parents and the wider community. An open-door policy is evident in practice. The relationship between the school and parents provides a sound foundation for a partnership in education based on raising student engagement and achievement.."*

### What's Up!!

Mar 8	PTA Mtg
15	Beginning of B Block Camp Week
18	Y4 Students overnight camp
22	Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 PM
24	Inter-school swimming sports
Apr 1	Last day of term 1
Apr 19	Term 2 starts

### Virtues

**Our virtue** for the next two weeks is **'Co-operation'**.

Being co-operative is being willing to go along in order to get along. We are respectful of the rules. We consider other people's needs. We look for ways to be helpful, and we ask for help when we need it. Co-operation helps us bring together the

ideas of many so that a new idea can come to light. Working together, we can make any place a safe and happy one.

### Signs of success:

**I am practicing 'co-operation' when I...**

- Am working well with others
- Freely offering help and ideas
- Am following the rules
- Do my part to keep a safe, happy environment
- Disagree, and do it peacefully
- Ask for help when I need it.

***I am co-operative. I work and play well with others. I respect the rules. I keep myself and others safe.***

### National Standards Meetings for Parents

We intend to hold meetings to inform parents about the National Standards. The meetings will be in March. Watch for a special newsletter next week!

### Deanwell School Gala Day – 27<sup>th</sup> March

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9am – 12 noon

Thank you to all those people who have offered their support for our Gala Day. We are well underway with the organising of the Gala and it looks like it is going to be a really fun day! We have a number of ways we would like your support including donations of:

- Books
- Non-perishable items
- Jams & preserves (we have some jars if needed)
- Cakes and biscuits.

We will also be having a 'car-boot' sale, so if you have any items you would like to sell yourself; there will be an opportunity for you to do so.



***A Flyer will be sent home soon with more details.***

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If you have any questions about the Gala or would like to offer your help then please contact Tracey Collins on 843 8242 or email [pta@deanwell.school.nz](mailto:pta@deanwell.school.nz)

### Board of Trustees Elections

We have elections for our Board of Trustees in May. If you are curious about what a Board of Trustees does, consider coming to our monthly Board meeting in Monday 22 March at 6:00 PM. We would love to see you!

1. Are you interested in your child's education?
2. What being on the Board means?
3. Can you ask questions?
4. Can you make decisions?
5. Do you have a sense of humour?
6. Do you have children's interests at heart?
7. Can you listen to other people's opinions?

**If you can answer 'yes' to any of these questions, we need you!!!!**

### Waikato Balloon Raffle Tickets

Please return unsold books and money to school by **FRIDAY** please. Thank you to everyone who participated in this raffle.



### Sports Uniforms

Over the last few years a number of our sports shirts and shorts have not been returned to the school after the sport season has ended, and we are ending up with a sports team wearing the old uniforms.

If you have any Deanwell Sports uniforms tucked away in a drawer please return to school – this would be greatly appreciated.



### Melville Rugby Club – 7<sup>th</sup> March weigh in

We know you're a Rugby Star! Come and Play for Melville. All you need to do is ask your parents and come to the Club for weigh in – Collins Road on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 11am – 1pm.

Please bring photocopy only of either your Birth Certificate, Passport, School letter verifying age. Any queries don't hesitate to contact:

Ra Peter 843 2510  
Sharleen Briggs 843 0979

### Children's Day Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>

The event is going to be at Melville Park on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> March between 2 & 5pm. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy lots of local talent on the stage, rides, and competitions (including colouring, skating, basketball, face painting, other activities and food.

The key theme for 2010 is praise and encouragement.

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